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SUBJECT: IFRB ELECTIONS AT ITU WORLD MARITIME ADMINISTRATIVE

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1. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF CANDIDATES AS OF MARCH 1 FOR IFRB ELECTIONS
TO BE HELD DURING ITU WMARC APRIL 22-JUNE 7, 1974:

AREA A (AMERICAS: F. DELLAMULA (ARGENTINA)

J. PERRIN (CANADA)

MATTHEY, CHIEF, REGISTRATIONS DEPT, IFRB, REPORTS THAT PERUVIAN
MISSION HERE HAD ENQUIRED RE PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW IN SUBMITTING
CANDIDACY FOR IFRB.

COMMENT: DEPT MIGHT CONSIDER USEFULNESS IN SUBSEQUENT
CCIR DIRECTORSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR KIRBY OF POSITIVE VOTE FOR
DELLAMULA (ARGENTIAN) FOR IFRB DESPITE NATURAL US WISH TO
SUPPORT CANADIAN CANDIDATE. LATIN AMERICAN VOTES MAY BE
NEEDED TO INSURE KIRBY'S ELECTION TO CCIR DIRECTORSHIP. END
COMMENT.

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2. AREA B(WESTERN EUROPE): C. TERZANI (ITALY)
CHARLIES SOWTON (UK)

COMMENT: MATTHEY REPORTS THAT ALTHOUGH PETIT (FRANCE) NOT CURRENTLY RUNNING FOR REELECTION, HE STILL WANTS TO RUN AND WILL PULL STRINGS IN PARIS TO GET FRENCH GOVT APPROVAL TO DO SO. IT IS UNDERSTOOD, NEVERTHELESS, THAT FRENCH GOVT DOES NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE POSITION OF CROZE (FRANCE) CCITT DIRECTOR, BY SEEKING ELECTION OF ANOTHER FRENCHMAN TO IFRM. DEPT SHOULD CONSIDER PROSPECT THAT TERZANI, IF DEFEATED FOR IFRB POST, MAY WELL RUN FOR CCIR DIRECTORSHIP AND WOULD BE DIFFICULT CANDIDATE TO DEFEAT. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT IF SOWTON WERE TO LOSE IFRB RACE THAT UK WOULD NOMINATE SAXTON FOR CCIR DIRECTORSHIP. KIRBY FEELS SAXTON WOULD BE HARDEST OF ALL POSSIBLE CANDIDATES TO DEFEAT. END COMMENT.

3. AREA C (EASTERN EUROPE): GROMOV (USSR) IS SOLE CANDIDATE AND NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE ANY COMPETITION.

4. AREA D (AFRICA): A. BERRADA (MOROCCO)
T. MOUSSA (CAMEROON)
T. BOURAIMA (DAHOMEY)

BERRADA, WHO CAMPAIGNING HARD ALREADY, EXPECTED TO BENEFIT BY DUAL BLACK AFRICAN (FRENCH SPEAKING) COMPETITION WHICH COULD BE EXPECTED TO SPLIT AF SUB-SAHARAN VOTE.

4. AREA E (ASIA/AUSTRALASIA): SAKI FUJIKI (JAPAN)
M. K. BASU (INDIA)

FUJIKI NOMINATED TO REPLACE NISHIZAKI, CURRENT IFRB MEMBER FROM JAPAN.

COMMENT. BASU IS ALREADY CAMPAIGNING ACTIVELY AND IS REPORTED TO HAVE SUPPORT OF SOV GROUP WHICH BELIEVED TO BE ABLE TO ROUND UP AROUND 28 VOTES. IT WOULD APPEAR WISE FOR US TO SUPPORT FUJIKI, IF, AS REPORTED, SOVS SEEKING TO GAIN CONTROL OF IFRB AND TO DO SO ARE CONCENTRATING ON ELECTION OF FRIENDLY ASIAN AND AFRICAN MEMBERS. IF BASU WERE TO WIN HE COULD WELL BE BEHOLDEN TO SOVS FOR THEIR SUPPORTS. DALE
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